

WICKWAR PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, 14 May 2025

WPFA Charity Commission Annual Report 2024 - 2025

On behalf of the Trustees of Wickwar Playing Fields Association I wish to provide you with an update of the trust's activities over the last year.

As an overview the fields remain in excellent condition and we are delighted how well used they are and for such a wide range of activities. Once again, the main efforts this year have been focussed on progressing the Pump Track project; improving the Orchard and the Allotments.

General Maintenance

Preparatory work has commenced in reducing the brambles on the west side of the field to allow that hedgerow to be laid next winter. A "Dead Hedgerow" has been constructed outside the groundsman's store as an additional habitat for all insects and wildlife. Dead hedges are great for the environment and are a means of using the brash generated by hedge laying rather than burning it.



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Pump Track

We are delighted to say that we have eventually received planning permission for the Pump Track. This has been a very onerous process but we have got there.

Having planning permission has allowed us to sign the contract for construction by Clark & Kent and we are awaiting final confirmation of a start date

Orchard

With assistance from the Forest of Avon trust and the efforts of volunteers we have made significant improvements in the orchard this year and conducted several activities:

We have hosted AHS school pupils on their nature day.

Hosted two scything days.

Hosted two pruning sessions.

Areas in the orchard were scarified and wild flowers were planted.

Primroses have been relocated from the existing BMX Track.

Two new orchard boards have been designed, manufactured, and installed.

A well-attended, wassailing event was held in January

46 members of Wickwar Brownies attended, scrapped apples, pressed the pulp and made their own fresh apple juice.



Allotments

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Wickwar Allotments Association are maintaining the allotments in an excellent condition and the plots remain fully subscribed. The waiting list for plots is currently close to 20 applicants.

The initial stage of the hedge laying conducted last year was extremely successful and the hedgerow is thriving. The last section from the Allotments gate towards Hill House was laid this year and is doing well.



Apiary

The Apiary is doing well and Ann & Nathan Ludkin currently have four hives in use.

Wickwar Wanderers FC

The pitches remain in good condition. There is a positive relationship with the football club committee and we would like to thank them for their support.

Wickwar Games

The 13th annual Wickwar Games was held in July. It was a very special day and enjoyed by everyone who attended and / or entered the competitions.

The Trustees would once again like to thank the very many organisations and individuals whose funding, support and expertise have allowed the fields to prosper. A few examples of the unheralded goodwill we receive is:

1. South Gloucestershire Council – S106 funding.
2. Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association.
3. Mrs Susanne Webb, checks the defibrillator on our store every Monday morning.

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4. Mrs Liz Cox, a chartered accountant, has audited our accounts for well over ten years at no cost to the trust.
5. Mark Forsyth and Dave Cridge have worked tirelessly to lay the allotment hedge, clear the brambles and lay the dead hedge.

It is these contributions make such a difference to the running of the fields and is very much appreciated.

Regards,

John

John Broad
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Income & Expenditure Statement - Year ending 31 March 2025

Income	£p
Wickwar Allotments Association - Rent 2025	513.00
Wickwar Wanderers FC Pitches - Rent 2024/25	250.00
Apiary fees - 2024/25	25.00
Loan from Damato Engineering Ltd re. Pump Track	6,368.00
SGC Capital Grant re. Pump Track	102,934.64
Wickwar Games - Programme Advertising	575.00
- Wickwar PC Grant (re. Programme printing & portaloos)	418.00
- Raffle Income / Donations	261.97
Electricity wayleave	42.57
	<u>111,388.18</u>
 Expenditure	
Glos PFA & Glos Orchard Trust Membership fees	50.00
Insurance - Charity Combined / Trustees & Limited Liability / Building & Contents	577.60
Wickwar Games - Programme Printing	403.76
- Prize Money / event licence / medals for fun run	251.49
- Portaloos hire	168.00
Pump Track - Ecology Survey, Newt Assessments & digger hire	3,483.00
Pump Track - Deposit 15% of total contract price - Clark & Kent	16,408.80
Electricity	230.88
Maintenance of equipment / General site maintenance	210.62
	<u>21,784.15</u>
 Summary	
Opening Bank Balance - 1st April 2024	6,479.98 b/f
Income	111,388.18
(Expenditure)	<u>(21,784.15)</u>
Closing Bank Balance - 31st March 2025	<u><u>96,084.01 c/f</u></u>

Signed: J Broad Chairman J McAleese Vice-Chairman

Auditor: Eel Ugg

Cash Book - Financial Year 2024/25

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Co-Op Bank (a/c no. 67187636)</u>		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>
01/04/24	b/f	Opening Balance				6,479.98 ✓
02/04/24	DD	EDF- Electricity - April DD	Electricity	9.00		6,470.98
05/04/24	DD	EDF- Electricity - Refund	Electricity		20.12	6,491.10
01/05/24	DD	EDF- Electricity - May DD	Electricity	22.00		6,469.10
06/05/24	BACS	Luscinia Ecology - Ecology Survey	Pump Track	1,660.20		4,808.90
21/05/24	BACS	Zurich Insurance	Insurance	577.60		4,231.30
22/05/24	BACS	Country Style Supplies - Games Advert	Games		50.00	4,281.30
30/05/24	BACS	Trashman Clearance - Games Advert	Games		100.00	4,381.30
31/05/24	BACS	AE Wilcox - Games Advert	Games		50.00	4,431.30
31/05/24	BACS	Hobbs House - Games Advert	Games		25.00	4,456.30
01/06/24	BACS	Ann/Nathan Ludkin apiary fee 2024/25	Apiary		25.00	4,481.30
03/06/24	DD	EDF- Electricity - June DD	Electricity	22.00		4,459.30
04/06/24	BACS	Majorlift - Games Advert	Games		100.00	4,559.30
30/06/24	BACS	Renishaw - Games Advert	Games		100.00	4,659.30
01/07/24	DD	EDF- Electricity - July DD	Electricity	22.00		4,637.30
03/07/24	BACS	Southern Plasticlad - Games Advert	Games		100.00	4,737.30
05/07/24	BACS	Wickwar PC Grant re. Portaloo & Printing	Games		418.00	5,155.30
15/07/24	BACS	JF Broad - various see file	various	188.08 *		4,967.22
15/07/24	BACS	BSD Services - Portaloo Hire	Games	168.00		4,799.22
16/07/24	BACS	Impact Gym - Games Advert	Games		50.00	4,849.22
18/07/24	BACS	Raffle income from Toddlers	Games		180.01	5,029.23
01/08/24	DD	EDF- Electricity - August DD	Electricity	22.00		5,007.23
29/08/24	BACS	Herpetologic Ltd - Newt Assessment	Pump Track	882.60		4,124.63
02/09/24	DD	EDF- Electricity - September DD	Electricity	22.00		4,102.63
24/09/24	BACS	Oldbury Deckers re. printing	Games	403.76		3,698.87
30/09/24	BACS	Wickwar Wanderers FC Rent 2024/25	Rent		250.00	3,948.87
01/10/24	DD	EDF- Electricity - October DD	Electricity	22.00		3,926.87
03/10/24	BACS	JF Broad - belts & gear oil	maint	34.36		3,892.51
16/10/24	BACS	Loan from Damato Engineering Ltd	Pump Track		6,368.00	10,260.51
21/10/24	BACS	JF Broad - Glos. PFA - Annual Subs	Subs	25.00		10,235.51
01/11/24	DD	EDF- Electricity - November DD	Electricity	22.00		10,213.51
08/11/24	BACS	SGC - S.106 Grant for Pump Track	Pump Track		102,934.64	113,148.15
02/12/24	DD	EDF- Electricity - December DD	Electricity	22.00		113,126.15
13/12/24	BACS	S J Baber - Mower repairs	maint	58.72		113,067.43
02/01/25	DD	EDF- Electricity - January DD	Electricity	22.00		113,045.43
02/01/25	BACS	Wickwar Allotments Rent 2025	Rent		513.00	113,558.43
16/01/25	by post	Western Power Dist. - wayleave	wayleave		42.57	113,601.00
08/01/25	BACS	Clark & Kent Contractors - Deposit	Pump Track	16,408.80		97,192.20
24/01/25	BACS	Steve Baber - pull cord	maint	3.00		97,189.20
03/02/25	BACS	JF Broad - Glos Orchard Trust & Maint	see file	92.25 **		97,096.95
03/02/25	DD	EDF- Electricity - February DD	Electricity	22.00		97,074.95
20/02/25	BACS	Steve Baber - Brush Cutter Drive Shaft	maint	30.70		97,044.25
03/03/25	DD	EDF- Electricity - March DD	Electricity	22.00		97,022.25
27/03/25	BACS	Herpetologic Ltd - Newt Assessment	Pump Track	702.60		96,319.65
28/03/25	BACS	Wessex Plant Hire - digger hire	Pump Track	237.60		96,082.05
31/03/25	BACS	Donation via givealittle/stripe- QR test	donation		1.96	96,084.01 ✓

* Games license (80.00) donation ✓
 Games Expense 25.00 ✓
 Maintenance 16.59 ✓
 188.08

** Subs 25.00 ✓
 Maintenance 67.25 ✓
 92.25